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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS TREATMENT OF CYPRUS CRISIS

JULY 24.

1. SUMMARY. PRAVDA TREATMENT OF CYPRUS CRISIS  
(JULY 24) FOCUSES ON UN CONTRIBUTION TO SETTLEMENT AND  
CHIDES SECRETARY FOR INFLATING NATO'S ROLE IN NEGOTIATING  
CEASE-FIRE. BEIRUT DATED LINE TASS STORY REPLAYS  
LEBANESE PRESS COMMENT CHARGING PENTAGON WAS DIRECTLY  
INVOLVED IN PLANNING MAKARIOS'S OVERTHROW. REMOVAL OF  
SAMPSON FROM CYPRIOT PRESIDENCY AND FALL OF GREEK MILITARY  
REGIME ARE TREATED SYMPATHETICALLY. ECEVIT STATEMENT ON  
TURKEY'S MILITARY SUCCESS AND OUTLOOK ON CYPRUS GETS  
POSITIVE PLAY. END SUMMARY.

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2. PRAVDA TASS REPORT OF SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE TAKES SWIPE AT HIS FAILURE TO "SAY A WORD ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE UNSC." IN TURN, TASS DOES NOT SAY ONE WORD ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S COMMENTS ON U.S.-SOVIET CONTACTS. TASS SUMMARIZES SECRETARY'S EXPLANATION OF U.S. OBJECTIVES FOLLOWING TURKISH INTERVENTION AND REPORTS SECRETARY SAID U.S. BELIEVES THERE MUST BE CLOSE COORDINATION AMONG NATO ALLIES IN RESOLVING CRISIS. TASS ALSO CITES SECRETARY AS BELIEVING RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER ON CYPRUS CALLS FOR SETTLEMENT WITHIN CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK WHICH EXISTED BEFORE THE PUTSCH AND IN NO WAY EXCLUDES THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKARIOS' RETURN.

3. TASS REPLAY OF LEBANESE EDITORIAL (AL DUNYA) BLAMES "EXTREMIST NATO CIRCLES" FOR CYPRUS CRISIS. ACCORDING TASS, PAPER CLAIMS OPINION IS GROWING STRONGER THAT U.S. AND UK POSITIONS DURING PRESENT CRISIS SHOW "THIS OPERATION WAS ACTUALLY CONCEIVED AND PLANNED EARLIER" AND MAIN THREADS OF PLOT "LEAD TO THE PENTAGON, WHICH REGARDS CYPRUS AS A POTENTIAL NATO BASE." ARTICLE CONCEDES IT IS POSSIBLE THAT NOT ALL NATO PARTICIPANTS CONCURRED IN DEVELOPMENT OF THESE PLANS, BUT SAYS THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES WHEN MILITARY CIRCLES OF LEADING NATO POWERS USED PRESSURE ON THEIR "WEAK NERVED POLITICAL LEADERS" TO ATTAIN THEIR OBJECTIVES.

4. TASS ACCOUNT OF CHANGE IN GREEK GOVERNMENT IS CAUTIOUS, BUT SUGGESTS SOVIETS VIEW DEVELOPMENT IN POSITIVE LIGHT BY REPORTING ECSTATIC RESPONSE OF GREEK PEOPLE TO END OF MILITARY RULE. SEPARATE TASS ITEM REPORTS THAT GIZIKIS HAS ASKED KARAMANLIS TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT.

5. TASS ITEM FROM PARIS ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION OF SAMPSON AND ASSUMPTION OF CYPRIOT PRESIDENCY BY CLERIDES. STORY SAYS CLERIDES HAS INFORMED UN HE HAS OCCUPIED POST "TEMPORARILY" AND QUOTES CYPRIOT EMBASSY SPOKESMAN IN PARIS AS SAYING "THIS LEAVES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOOR OPEN FOR THE RETURN OF ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS." PRESS MAKES NO REPORT OF STATEMENT BY MAKARIOS.

6. ON MILITARY SITUATION, TASS STORY FROM BEIRUT REPORTS YESTERDAY'S UN CALL FOR OBSERVANCE OF CEASE-FIRE IS GENERALLY BEING OBEYED, ALTHOUGH OCCASIONAL FIGHTING HAS TAKEN PLACE. ANKARA-DATELINED TASS ITEM REPORTS ECEVIT STATED TURKISH

MILITARY OPERATIONS HAVE ATTAINED OBJECTIVES AND  
SAYS TURKISH PM NOTED THAT ABSENCE OF AUTHORITY IN  
GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENT OF  
CEASE-FIRE AND NEGOTIATION OF PEACE MORE DIFFICULT.  
TASS ITEM FROM GENEVA, OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS, REPORTS  
THAT "IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNSC RESOLUTION" CYPRUS  
NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO BEGIN IN GENEVA JULY 24.  
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